

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 on page 40 of the substitute specification with the following rewritten paragraph.

The controller 27 of the digital recording/reproduction controller 1003 records accounting information 10D in a master card 1004. When the data destination switch 1006 designates only reproduction or both of reproduction and recording, the controller 27 instructs the file structure management unit 25 to output the digital data 10B to the decoder 1002 by way of the data I/O unit 21. When the data destination switch 1006 designates only recording or both of reproduction and recording, the controller 27 instructs the file structure management unit 25 to record the digital data 10B in the disk storage unit 1005 by a digital data ~~recording/reproduction~~ recording/reproduction method according to any one of the second to fourth embodiments.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 on page 41 of the substitute specification with the following rewritten paragraph.

Next, the operation of the digital data ~~recording/reproduction~~ recording/reproduction apparatus according to the fifth embodiment will be described.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 3 on page 42 of the substitute specification with the following rewritten paragraph.

The digital broadcast that is transmitted from the broadcast station is input to the digital broadcast receiver 1001. The digital broadcast receiver 1001 takes (extracts) the copy protection information out of the digital broadcast, and performs demultiplexing so as to extract the program from the digital ~~broadcast~~ broadcast that is designated by the user. Further, the digital broadcast receiver 1001 performs descrambling on the basis of the copy protection information if required, extracts the digital data 10B of the user-designated program, and outputs the digital data 10B of the program to the digital data recording/reproduction controller 1003.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 24 on page 45 of the substitute specification with the following rewritten paragraph.

As described above, in the digital data ~~recording/ reproduction~~ recording/reproduction apparatus according to this fifth embodiment, a digital broadcast is recorded by using a file structure according to any one of the second to fourth embodiments. Therefore, even when an abend such as a power failure occurs during data recording, the file until interruption due to the abend can be restored if the digital broadcast is free of charge. Further, even when recording of a fee-charged broadcast is interrupted due to an abend, no accounting is performed on this broadcast by discarding the data which has been recorded until the interruption. Thus, proper accounting for the user is performed.